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Golf Club Anatomy: Parts & Features of a Golf Club

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Golf Clubs are the most essential piece of equipment in the Game of Golf. Golf Clubs are used in making the Golf Swing which hopefully results in the Golf Ball flying towards the hole. A Golf Club might look like a simple instrument but it is a highly technical piece of Equipment. Understanding the Different Parts of the Golf Club is the first step to better understand Golf Clubs and selecting the correct one.

Golf Club Grip

The Golf Club Grip is the top part of the Golf Club where we place our hands and Grip the Golf Club. These are the Kinds of Grip Golf Clubs might have:

- **Natural Leather Grips.** Grips that are made of natural leather are the most expensive and are less water resistant. These Club Grips are also easy on the hands.
- **Synthetic leather Grips.** Are less expensive than those made with natural leather, but with almost the same features. Synthetic leather Grips are less durable than Rubber Grips.
- **Rubber Grips.** Grips made of rubber are the cheapest and most durable Golf Club Grips. Rubber Grips are highly water resistant and are easiest to install.
- **Cord Grips.** Cord Grips have rough surface and provides Firmer Grasp through rain, sweat or snow. You need tough hands for this Type of Grip.

Golf Club Shaft

The Golf Club Shaft is the middle part of the Golf Club that connects the Grip to the Club Head. Most Golf Club Shafts are made out of steel or graphite. The longer the Golf Club Shaft, the farther the distance that can be reached with the Golf Club. For more information reach our section on Choosing the Correct Shaft Size

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Golf Ball Flight. Most Golf

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- **Clubface.**

The Clubface is the area that hits the ball. Hitting the Ball with other parts aside from the face makes your ball go to a different direction and not towards your target. An example of this is the Shank or hitting your ball with the side of the club thus making the Ball Fly in almost a right angle.

- **Toe and Heel.**

The Heel is the part of the Clubhead that is attached to the Shaft. The other end of your Clubhead is called the Toe.

- **Sole.**

This is the Part of the Clubhead that rests on the ground. The Sole is designed depending on the Use of your Club. The Driver's Sole is broad and flat making it glide on the ground.

- **Grooves.** The Clubface has a set of horizontal Grooves that helps in putting spin on the ball. Spin makes the ball fly higher and roll less when it lands.

- **Hosel.**

The Hosel is the hole or opening where the Shaft connects to the Clubhead.

Golf Club Features

A golf club can have many features and characteristics that influence your Golf Shot in terms of the spin and the flight of your ball. The spin and the flight are important considerations in Choosing the Clubs you should use in a particular situation. Each Club is made with different degrees of Loft and different Grooves.

- **Grooves.**

As explained the Grooves on the Clubface creates a backspin. These Grooves promotes ball flight and lessens the roll.

- **Loft.**

The Loft is degree that the Clubface is tilted away from the center of the Shaft. The higher the Loft your club has, the higher you can get your ball up in the air and the shorter the distance. Long shafted clubs with a bit of Loft makes a long, low shot with a bit of roll. Higher Loft means your club will make your ball fly high and land without rolling very much.

- **Weight.**

The weight of your golf club will depend on its overall size and the materials used. Some people prefer heavier golf clubs as it gives them more a better feeling of control. Others prefer lighter clubs to make powerful swings less cumbersome. Heavier clubs do help in making a harder impact on the golf ball. Club Weight depends on your own personal preferences.

- **Length.**

The weight length of your Golf Club differs per club and is also dependant on your own length. Read our section on Golf Club Sizing for more information on choosing a correct club size.

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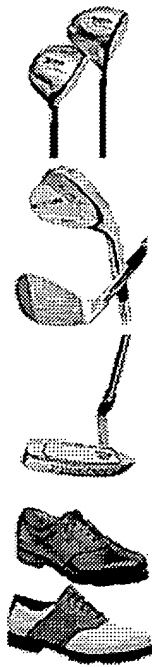
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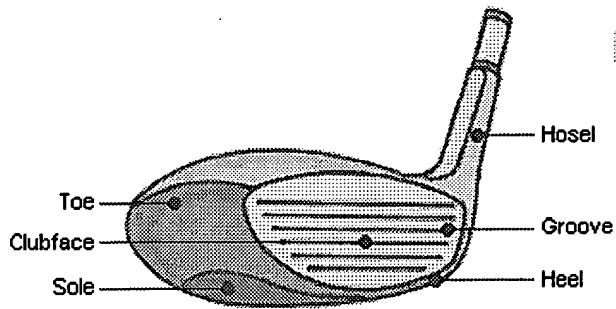
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Different Parts of Golf Club Heads

What are the parts of golf club heads?

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Golf club heads have a number of different parts:

The hosel: Is where the head of the club connects to the shaft.

The face: is where contact is made with the golf ball.

The sole: is the part that makes contact with the ground during the swing.

The back: is the opposite side to the face.

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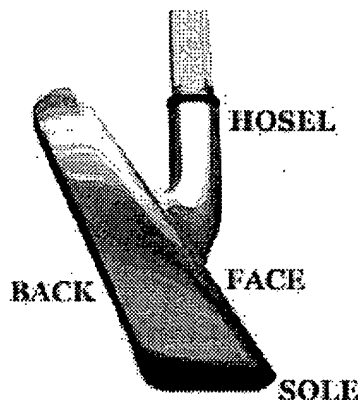
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The two main parts of golf club heads we will look at are the sole and face...

The Sole

The sole of the golf club is designed to minimize the twisting from a bad swing or hit. Woods will have big flat soles with dulled or rounded edges so they glide nicely through the grass without digging into the ground. On the other hand the soles of irons are designed to slice evenly through the turf without jumping or twisting and messing up the golfers shot.

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The Face

When a player chooses a club to hit the shot they will either choose a wood or an iron. That club is also assigned a number. That number relates the angle from which the face of the club slopes back from vertical when the club is on the ground facing the ball.

The higher the number of the club means a greater degree of slope away from vertical. This will result in a shorter shot with more height. Here some general

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numbers of clubs and their degrees of slope.

Degrees of Slope	
Driver	9.5
3 Wood	15
2 Iron	19
3 Iron	21
4 Iron	24
5 Iron	28
6 Iron	32
7 Iron	36
8 Iron	40
9 Iron	44
Pitching Wedge	48
Sand Wedge	56
Lob Wedge	60

Two important points

1. The golf club face will send the ball on a course perpendicular to the angle of the face at contact. This means a flatter face (with more degrees of loft) will send the ball in the air with more trajectory of higher flight. Perfect for shorter shots over obstacles that will land soft with no roll and then stop.
2. Spin- the more degrees of slope the greater the amount of spin. **Why is spin good?** When a ball spins at high rates it produces aerodynamic lift, launching it into the air. Spin also cuts down on the natural influences of a shot such as wind and rain making the shot more controllable.

Grooves

All club faces have grooves of some sort except putters. The grooves are there for two main reasons; first they help grip the ball as it is struck and slides up the clubface. This helps to add more spin to the ball.

Secondly they are there to help disperse the water and the grass from the clubface during contact. It gives the water some where to go so the face can put spin on the ball and not have it squirt off the clubface.

Now that you know all the different parts of golf club heads it should make things a whole lot easier and more understandable when you go to purchase your next set of golf clubs.

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